

PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q78044

Yasunobu SAKAGUCHI

Continuation of Application No.: 09/343,506

Confirmation No.: Not Assigned

Group Art Unit: 2624 (parent)

Filed: October 28, 2003

Examiner: N. Worku (parent)

For: IMAGE READING APPARATUS AND IMAGE READING METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION | 2 |
| AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS | 3 |
| REMARKS | 9 |